

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS:

Without prejudice, the listing of claims given below will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A door handle assembly, comprising:
a support plate having a front side and a back side, wherein an aperture is disposed in the support plate;

a handle pivotably arranged on the front side of the support plate, wherein a pivot pin and a cam shaft depend from the handle, and wherein [[a]] the cam shaft ~~configured to be~~ is arranged in the aperture and configured to arcuately translate about the pivot pin ~~depends from the handle;~~

a cam follower disposed on the back side of the support plate, directly coupled to the cam shaft; and

a latch operably connected to the handle via the cam shaft and cam follower, configured so that force applied to the handle may be transferred directly via the cam shaft and cam follower to lift the latch.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Original) The door handle assembly of claim 1, further comprising:

a retaining device configured to retain the handle in one of an open position and a closed position.

4. (Currently Amended) A door handle assembly, comprising:

a support plate having a front side and a back side, wherein an aperture is disposed in the support plate;

a handle pivotably arranged on the front side of the support plate; ~~and~~

a pivot pin depending from the handle configured to engage the support plate; and

a roller bearing arrangement depending from the handle and laterally offset from the pivot pin, the roller bearing arrangement configured to transfer force directly from the handle to a latch in order to lift the latch.

5. (Currently Amended) A gaming terminal, comprising:

a housing;

a door movably attached to the housing, wherein the door is secured by a latch disposed in the housing; and

a door handle assembly attached to one of the door and the housing, the door handle assembly including

a support plate having a front side and a back side, wherein an aperture is disposed in the support plate,

a handle pivotably arranged on the front side of the support plate, wherein a pivot pin and a cam shaft depend from the handle, and wherein ~~[[a]] the cam shaft configured to be~~ is arranged in the aperture and configured to arcuately translate about the pivot pin ~~depends from the handle;~~

a cam follower disposed on the back side of the support plate, directly coupled to the cam shaft;

wherein the latch is operably connected to the handle via the cam shaft and cam follower and configured so that force applied to the handle may be transferred directly via the cam shaft and cam follower to lift the latch.

6. (Canceled)

7. (Original) The gaming terminal of claim 5, further comprising:

a retaining device configured to retain the handle in one of an open position and a closed position.

8. (Original) The gaming terminal of claim 5, further comprising:

electronic components disposed in the housing, the electronic components accessible by opening the door.

9. (Original) The gaming terminal of claim 5, further comprising:

at least one of a monitor, a processor, a gaming ticket printer, a money receptor, and a card reader.

10. (Currently Amended) A gaming terminal, comprising:

a housing;

a door movably attached to the housing; and

a door handle assembly attached to one of the door and the housing, the door handle assembly including

a support plate having a front side and a back side, wherein an aperture is disposed in the support plate,

a handle pivotably arranged on the front side of the support plate;~~and~~

a pivot pin depending from the handle configured to engage the support plate;
and

a roller bearing arrangement depending from the handle and laterally offset from the pivot pin, the roller bearing arrangement configured to transfer force directly from the handle to a latch in order to lift the latch.

11. (Original) The gaming terminal of claim 10, further comprising:

a retaining device configured to retain the handle in one of an open position and a closed position.

12. (Previously Presented) The gaming terminal of claim 10, further comprising:

electronic components disposed in the housing, accessible by opening the door.

13. (Original) The gaming terminal of claim 10, further comprising:

at least one of a monitor, a processor, a gaming ticket printer, a money receptor, and a card reader.

14. (Previously Presented) A gaming terminal, comprising:

a housing;

a door movably attached to the housing;

a door latch disposed in the housing;

an extension member pivotably attached to the housing; and

means for directly transferring a force imparted on the extension member to the door latch, to lift the door latch.

15. (Original) The gaming terminal of claim 14, further comprising:

a retaining device configured to retain the handle in one of an open position and a closed position.

16. (Original) The gaming terminal of claim 14, further comprising:

electronic components disposed in the housing, accessible by opening the door.

17. (Original) The gaming terminal of claim 14, further comprising:

at least one of a monitor, a processor, a gaming ticket printer, a money receptor, and a card reader.

18. (New) The door handle assembly of claim 1, wherein the cam shaft is configured to arcuately translate from a first position to a second position within the aperture.

19. (New) The door handle assembly of claim 1, wherein the pivot pin and the cam shaft are pivot pin are laterally offset.

20. (New) The door handle assembly of claim 4, wherein the roller bearing arrangement is configured to arcuately translate from a first position to a second position within the aperture.

21. (New) The gaming terminal of claim 5, wherein the cam shaft is configured to arcuately translate from a first position to a second position within the aperture.

22. (New) The gaming terminal of claim 10, wherein the roller bearing arrangement is configured to arcuately translate from a first position to a second position within the aperture.